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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the CPA filed 5/7/01, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (twice amended) A changer apparatus for information discs, comprising: a stacking unit for stacking at least two information discs in respective stacking positions, a read/write unit for reading information stored on the information discs and/or writing information on the information discs in a play position, an eject position at which an information disc can be removed from the apparatus, and transport means for transporting the information discs from the eject position into a loading position of the stacking unit along a curve-shaped loading path, and in which the play position is between the eject position and the loading position.

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Claim 2.

3. (twice amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the play position is offset from a direct connecting line between the loading position and the eject position.

4. (twice amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the play position is disposed on the loading path.